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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CODEL RIBICOFF/BAKER TO VIENNA, NOV.

5-7, 1976

1. SENATOR RIBICOFF AND BAKER HEADED A VISIT TO VIENNA NOV. 5-7 BY TWELVE SENATORS, ACCCOMPANIED BY STAFF MEMBERS. WHILE VISIT WAS SHORT (ABOUT 36 HOURS), TIME WAS WELL SPENT IN INTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH MISSION AND KEY MEMBERS OF IAEA SECRETARIAT CENTERED ON ISSUE OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION WHICH WAS CODEL'S MAIN AREA OF INTEREST.

2. IN SIX HOUR SESSION INTERRUPTED ONLY BY BRIEF COLD LUNCHEON PROVIDED BY AGENCY, CODEL MET WITH KEY MEMBERS OF SECRETARIAT INCLUDING HALL, FISCHER, ROMETSCH, BITTENCOURT, SKJOELDEBRAND, CATLIN, FOLLOWING GENERAL INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS BY U.S. RESREP, AND RECEIVED DETAILED BRIEFING ON AGENCY ACTIVITIES OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO CODEL. DISCUSSION OF AGENCY SAFEGUARDS WAS FOCAL POINT, BUT OTHER AREAS UNCLASSIFIED

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WERE ALSO ADDRESSED, INCLUDING PLUTONIUM MANAGEMENT,

AND REGIONAL FUEL CYCLE CENTERS. SEN. RIBOCOFF EFFECTIVELY GUIDED DISCUSSION BY REQUESTING EACH SENATOR IN TURN TO ADDRESS HIS OWN QUESTION TO SECRETARIAT. AT 3:00 P.M., MOST SENATORS LEFT MEETING FOR OTHER COMMITMENTS; SENATOR GLENN AND CULVER REMAINED BEHIND WITH STAFF MEMBERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARIAT.

3. AT RECEPTION IN THEIR HONOR HOSTED BY AMB. BUCHANAN EVENING OF NOV. 6 CODEL WAS ABLE TO MEET WITH SIZEABLE NUMBER OF KEY AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS.

4. BEFORE DEPARTURE, SEN. RIBICOFF GAVE BRIEF INTERVIEW TO LOCAL REP OF AP AND MCGRAW-HILL (PUBLISHER OF NUCLEONICS WEEK). AS REPORTED IN NOV. 11 EDITION OF NUCLEONICS WEEK, RIBICOFF STATED HIS SATISFACTION WITH AGENCY SAFEGUARDS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. THEY HAVE A TOUGH JOB TO DO BUT THEY ARE WORKING WELL. IT IS THE BEST AGENCY IN THE WORLD TO TRY TO RIDE HERD ON THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THEY ARE DOING A GOOD JOB. THEY DO NEED SUPPORT. UNQUOTE. SATISFACTION WITH THE BRIEFING WAS ALSO EXPRESSED IN LETTER FROM SENATOR RIBICOFF AND BAKER TO ME.

5. FOR ITS PART, SECRETARIAT FOUND THIS GROUP OF VISITORS VERY WELL INFORMED AND ALERT TO MOST OF THE ISSUES AND PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORT, AND MISSION HEARTILY CONCURS. IN OUR VIEW, THIS VISIT WAS HIGHLY USEFUL TO OUR BASIC OBJECTIVES VIS A VIS THE AGENCY. STONE

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